

Appl. No. 10/618,191
Amdt. Dated October 15, 2004
Reply to Office Action of September 24, 2004

Remarks & Arguments

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that Claims 1-20 are pending in the application, and that Claims 1-20 are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. Applicants respectfully elect, without traversal, to prosecute the invention of Group I comprising Claims 1-8 and 14-20. Thus, Claims 9-13 have been withdrawn and Claims 1-8 and 14-20 are pending in the application. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 23-0085. In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account 23-0085.

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